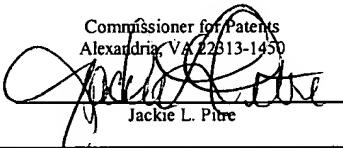


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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
 (under 37 CFR § 1.114)

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This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number 09/841,493, filed on April 24, 2001, entitled IN SITU THERMAL PROCESSING OF A COAL FORMATION USING A MOVABLE HEATING ELEMENT.

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**Application Elements**

1.  Filing Fee

A Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit for the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.

2.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

3. Amendments

An amendment is enclosed.

Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on 501505 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Please consider the arguments in the response filed on 0008003 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on 0008003 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

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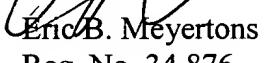
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4.  Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time
5.  Return Receipt Postcard

If an additional extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, the appropriate extension of time is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5659-06500/EBM.

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